

To Whom it May Concern:

As a Mother's Day gift this year, my husband and daughter bought me a satellite radio outfit--for both car and home. Now, instead of having to listen to only the local AM/FM stations which routinely broadcast what I can only call smut and obscenities, I can travel in the car with my 2-year-old and listen to Disney, Discovery Channel, and CNN. No more local DJs polluting my car with cusswords (odd that they have to bleep out "God" but can say "damn"--"bleep-damn" doesn't make sense to me). I fully support satellite radio and whatever expansions they want to offer such as local traffic and news. As for the competition this provides to local broadcast affiliates, perhaps when they finally get the message that people like to hear music and talk without the ignorant dirty jokes and cusswords--both of which seem to be appropriate content by FCC standards--maybe they'll rethink their broadcast and do what's necessary to regain their listening audience.

And for the record, I'm a very modern 31-year-old wife and mother. I work as a Marketing Manager for a major high-tech company, and my husband is a carpenter and volunteer firefighter. We have a 2-year-old daughter, who after listening to one of Portland's local radio morning shows in the car one day, now blurts "ass" and laughs. And you really wonder why people switch to satellite? I assure you that I have never and will never rely on our local radio affiliates for local traffic and weather, let alone any sort of radio entertainment.